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Appl. No. : 10/522,707
Applicant : Tomohiro INOUE et al
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 19, 2006, the applicants hereby elect Group II, namely claim 8. This election is with traverse, as it is noted that all three Groups are classified in the same class and subclass. Accordingly, it would appear that the Examiner can examine all Groups together without undue burden, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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